



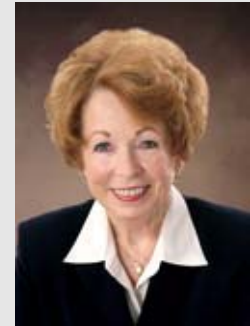
Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

It's my pleasure to tell you that just yesterday, Wednesday April 30th, a memo regarding a new sales tax leakage initiative, written together by Councilmember Pete Constant and I, went through the Rules Committee and is moving ahead to Council. The four interrelated factors which significantly influence the levels of sales tax generation are 1) city population, 2) income levels, 3) land-use decisions and 4) sales tax leakage. This fourth factor refers to the loss of sales tax generation from local residents to cities outside of our own. In light of the current structural budget deficit and the goal to fix it in three years, Councilmember Constant and I felt that some action was needed to remedy this annual loss of critical revenue for our City.

All residents of San Jose can participate in growing our General Fund revenues by spending their hard-earned money in San Jose. I can't emphasize this enough ... Buy San Jose! Did you know that for every \$100 purchase made in San Jose, \$1 in Sales tax stays in San Jose to help pay for parks, street maintenance, library books, police officers and more? It seems like a simple concept, but you might be shocked to hear that currently San Jose residents are helping boost the general funds of Palo Alto, Gilroy, Milpitas, and Santa Clara to higher levels than our own City's. **Looking at the numbers, San Jose generates \$83 in consumer sales tax per capita in comparison to the \$225 for Palo Alto, \$201 for Gilroy and \$254 for the City of Santa Clara.** Hard to believe isn't it? In all retail categories, San Jose currently ranks below the County average for per capita taxable sales. While it may not be realistic for us to be the leader in this category, if San Jose were to merely meet the County average in per capita consumer sales tax for 2007, we would be seeing an additional \$15.6 million for our General Fund. This surge in funding could have funded an additional 150 police officer positions or paved 450 miles of residential streets.

In 2007 my office conducted a District 10 Retail survey and asked you what was missing from our local retail scene. **After receiving over 700 responses to the survey and hosting an Economic Development forum, I knew there was still much to be done.** A change in buying habits cannot and will not happen overnight, but through education and awareness we can empower San Jose residents to buy local and save big. Similar initiatives have successfully taken place in places like Boulder, Colorado with their "Put Your Money Where Your House Is" campaign. While there is no single uniform approach to this issue, making an effort to "Buy San Jose" will make a true impact on the funding we have to bring you the City services you want and need. I look forward to sharing updates on this exciting new initiative as it moves towards Council approval in the coming months. If you would like to read more about the importance of buying in San Jose, be sure to check out this recent article in the Mercury News at www.mercurynews.com/ci_9103955.

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Father Brendan McGuire discusses the new Blue Bag program at Holy Spirit Parish. Holy Spirit was one of two groups honored with commendations from District 10 for their environmental efforts in the time leading up to Earth Day on April 22nd, 2008.

Another way that you can help in the process to revitalize our General Fund and improve our City is by attending the 3rd Annual District 10 Budget/Neighborhood Forum on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30 PM in the Almaden Community Center. Come out and learn more about the Budget process while sharing personal feedback with my office regarding the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget. As the City Council works towards the conclusion of the budget process in June, I want to accurately represent your needs and preferences as my colleagues and I face many critical budget decisions for the coming year. This Forum and the District 10 Budget Survey provide me with a method to represent and convey those needs and concerns.

Over 500 residents took the District 10 Budget survey and I hope that you were able to personally take part in sharing your views and opinions. I am currently working with my staff to analyze the data and feedback we've received in preparation for the Budget Forum. It should be exciting to see the results at the Forum on May 7th!

On Wednesday, May 7th, you will have the opportunity to watch a presentation from Debra Figone, City Manager, regarding the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget. Mayor Reed will also be on hand to present an overview of the Budget process. I will be revealing the results of our online survey, which will outline many of the needs and interests of District 10 residents. However, I want you to be there to let me know if this is the case.

This forum and the feedback we receive from local residents is critical to advance the wishes of District 10 residents everywhere and to ensure that San Jose remains an incredible place to live, work and play. Your input and your buying power will continue to shape the future of our great City. **I look forward to seeing you at the 3rd Annual District 10 Budget/Neighborhood Forum and remember to "Buy San Jose!"**

Best Wishes,



Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

Citywide Update

• City Hall Traveler's Information Center

Construction of the Traveler Information Center (TIC) in the City Hall lobby began in March and will continue through June 2008. When completed, the state-of-the-art TIC, managed by the Department of Transportation, will provide visitors and employees with information on:

Real-time roadway conditions and congestion;

Alternative transportation options like transit, walking and biking;

Flight arrival and departure schedules for the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport, as well as the ability to check in for flights

Make An Impact in District 10!



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?
For more information please contact the District 10
Office at (408) 535-4910*

Project Homeless Connect is looking for volunteers

Project Homeless Connect is sponsored by the City of San Jose and Partners to help the homeless. **On Thursday, May 15th 2008, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, individuals can visit Exhibit Hall 1 in the San Jose McEnery Convention Center to receive assistance from a variety of resources.** These include social services, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, medical, dental and mental services, job search and employment opportunities, Veterans Benefits and more.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this 6th Project Homeless Connect. Volunteer training is on Wednesday, May 14th at 3:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Volunteer hours on May 15th are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteer shifts are available in the morning or the afternoon.

For more information and registration, please call 408-451-4001 or e-mail phc@sanjoseca.gov

Interested in serving as District 10's next Youth Commissioner?

The City of San Jose will be opening the application process for a new District 10 Youth Commissioner in June and **Councilmember Pyle would like to invite interested teens in District 10 to visit the weekly Youth Advisory Committee meetings held by current District 10 Youth Commissioner Pardis Khosravi. Meetings are currently held every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on the second floor of the Almaden Community Center.**

from the TIC; and

Destination information about San Jose's cultural, recreational and business options.

- **San Jose Named Solar City**

San Jose was selected as one of 12 "Solar America Cities" named by the Department of Energy (DOE) that will share in \$2.4 million to advance President Bush's Solar America Initiative. San Jose was chosen for its commitment and comprehensive approach to the deployment of solar technologies and the development of sustainable solar infrastructures. This award will help the City achieve Green Vision Goal 3 - receiving 100% of our electrical power from clean, renewable sources. DOE will also provide hands-on assistance from technical experts to help the Solar Cities integrate solar technologies into energy planning, zoning and facilities, streamline local regulations, and present solar financing options. Joining San Jose as Solar Cities are Sacramento, CA; Santa Rosa, CA; Seattle, WA; Houston, TX; Knoxville, TN; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis M.N; St. Paul, MN; Orlando, FL; Philadelphia, PA; and San Antonio, TX.

- **San Jose selected as Local Government Partner by PG&E**

The City was selected as one of the Local Government Partners for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) 2009-11 Program Portfolio. This selection was the first step towards the City's participation in the Energy Watch Partnership. The City submitted a proposal for a multi-faceted plan to combine an aggressive energy "challenge" outreach effort with energy-efficiency rebates for small business, residential, low-income and municipal facilities. The next step is to submit a detailed implementation plan to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by May 15. The CPUC will make the final decision on programs and dollar amounts by October 2008.

- **San Jose to Host Digital Arts Festival**



On June 4-8, the 01SJ Festival of Art on the Edge will return to San Jose. The five-day Festival will feature new works from an international roster of artists and performers at the cross-section of

Requirements for the Youth Commission include being between the ages of 14 to 20, living in the Council district in which you are applying, availability to attend all monthly commission meetings, and a commitment to at least 20 hours a month for events, meetings, and community projects. As a commissioner, individuals will have the opportunity to educate the community on current youth issues, make recommendations to the City Council and assist in developing new youth programs and services within the City.

For more information, please contact the Youth Commission staff at (408) 793-5559.

Assistance League Update

Assistance League of San Jose recently completed their Screening Eyes Early program (S.E.E.) which provides vision screening to preschool children to detect early signs of amblyopia (lazy eye). From November 2007 until March 2008, volunteers from Assistance League made 24 visits to 15 pre-schools. They will be returning to 10 schools for re-screens. Assistance League of San Jose has long recognized the importance of early screening for amblyopia through its association with Prevent Blindness of Northern California. Amblyopia or lazy eye is loss of vision in eyes that is not corrected by glasses. According to Prevent Blindness, more than one in 50 children has amblyopia and one in 20 preschool children has an eye problem that could cause amblyopia. With early detection and treatment, chances of successful vision correction greatly increase.

Volunteers of Assistance League find gratification in helping children towards good vision and towards more success in school. Volunteers receive training in November and teams visit preschools in Campbell and San Jose to screen three and four year-olds. They then provide results of their screenings to parents and guardians. This year over 800 children were screened, an increase from the 550 last year. Four more preschools were added to this year's screening calendar with many more calling to be scheduled.

Assistance League also worked with selected schools from September '07 through March '08 in their newest philanthropic program, Readers are Leaders. Assistance League selected four San Jose Unified School District elementary schools with lower reading Academic Performance Index scores as inaugural

contemporary art, technology, and culture. 01SJ is North America's largest festival of digital arts and will showcase more than 100 projects. The 01SJ Festival is becoming a signature event for all of Silicon Valley as an international gathering for the arts and culture that embraces cutting edge innovation, technology and expression. For more information visit the festival website at www.01sj.org/.

- **Heart Safe City Stakeholder Outreach**

On March 28, the Fire Department conducted a stakeholder outreach session to obtain input on the City's "Heart Safe City" initiative. Attendees were provided with an overview of Heart Safe City designation criteria being considered by the American Heart Association (AHA), the strengths and weaknesses of the City relative to the criteria, and potential strategies for strengthening the City's performance in selected areas to achieve designation as a Heart Safe City. Participants were invited to attend based on their prior experience implementing Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and/or their familiarity with business/organizational sectors within Santa Clara County that were identified as being prime candidates for deploying AED. Input from meeting participants is being used to refine the Fire Department's Heart Safe City Report to the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee, scheduled to report to the Committee in May.

- **San Jose Highlighted in Richard Florida's book "Who's Your City?"**

A new book by businessman, professor, speaker, and bestselling author Richard Florida promotes San Jose as one of the "Superstar cities" that has the ability and talent to defy the economic downturn. *Who's Your City?* ranks major cities and regions from best places for singles to best places for families. San Jose ranked within the top five in multiple categories:

- **Best Places for Mid career professionals ages 30-44**
- **Best Places for Families with Children**
- **Best Places for Retirees (over 65 years of age)**

Florida refers to the Bay Area as the center of the technology industry; home to a cluster of worldclass universities and venture capitalists, adding, "of course Silicon Valley is the core with its remarkable concentration of technology producers and innovators." The book promotes Silicon Valley - San Jose as a leader in comparison to other major cities, ranking us as a key competitor to "Mega Regions" like Boston, Washington D.C, and the North Carolina Research Triangle. To learn more about *Who's Your City?*, visit www.creativeclass.com/richardflorida.

- **New Solar Photovoltaic Development Facility Chooses to Locate in San Jose**

Silicon Valley Technology Center (SYTC) announced they will locate their Solar Photovoltaic Development Center in the Edenvale Technology Park. The facility will provide entrepreneurs in the solar

locations: Almaden School, Bachrodt School, Galarza with Hammer, and Olinder School.

To instill a love of reading in children and to help improve reading scores in local schools, volunteers from Assistance League read to classrooms on a regular basis and donated books for permanent classroom libraries. The volunteers entertained, enlightened, and encouraged children by reading carefully selected books. Teachers have reported that learning to read well enhances student understanding and proficiency in all other areas of the school curriculum as well. Through the Readers are Leaders program, Assistance League hopes to create leaders who love to read.



Almaden resident Mary Dingley reading to second graders at Olinder Elementary School in San Jose.

Did you know?

Last month JetBlue announced 4 brand new flights out of Mineta San Jose International Airport!



Nancy stands with JetBlue CEO David Barger

industry with new and unique technology development and commercialization services to implement their innovative products. Competing against other "clean-tech" cities such as Austin, TX, San Jose secured SYTC's business by demonstrating our commitment to support emerging solar technology, as we work towards creating "green collar" jobs and achieving the goals of our Green Vision.

• **Tarp Giveaway Targets Litter from Moving Vehicles**

On April 12, the annual Great American Litter Pick-Up event was held. Local member agencies of the Silicon Valley Anti-Litter Campaign, including the City, focused their attention on litter that is released from moving vehicles. This is a significant source of litter on roadways and pollution in creeks. To address the problem, local agencies worked together to give away 8-by-10-foot blue tarps at seven landfills and transfer stations throughout the County. The City, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the cities of Cupertino, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale participated in this effort.

• **San Jose receives Green California Leadership Award**

- On Tuesday, April 8, the City will be recognized with a "Green California Leadership" award for its Environmentally Preferable Procurement Program at the Green California Summit & Exposition in Sacramento. The summit and awards are sponsored by Green Technology, a non-profit initiative to help inform government sustainability efforts. San Jose was selected from over 80 organizations that applied for awards in eight different categories. To reduce the environmental impact of City operations, San Jose has incorporated environmental consideration in all aspects of its procurement process, and has had success in "greening" its janitorial services, computer and cell phone purchases, and vehicle fleet, among other purchases.

(left) and Ed Nelson of the Mineta San Jose International Airport. Regarding their meeting, Nancy stated "It was wonderful to meet David and discuss the new flights that JetBlue is bringing to San Jose. Our airport is going to be a world-class facility and it takes world-class airlines to ensure that San Jose residents can reach any and all of their desired destinations."

In February, JetBlue Airways announced the start of three new daily nonstop flights between Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) and Long Beach Airport (LGB) beginning May 21, 2008. These new flights will offer Silicon Valley business and leisure travelers an additional convenient method of access to Southern California. JetBlue will also be adding a second daily nonstop flight between San José and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) that leaves mid-day beginning May 1, 2008.

Operating out of Terminal C at SJC since June 2004, JetBlue is a low-fare, low-cost passenger airline that provides high-quality customer service. JetBlue also provides daily San José/Boston service.

The newly announced JetBlue flights mark the West Coast debut of the company's new Embraer-190 aircraft. The full-size E190 is a quiet 100-seat jet that offers passengers travelers 36 channels of free live DIRECTV® programming and more than 100 channels of XM Satellite Radio. With rows that consist of two comfortable leather seats on each side, it's important to note that frequent fliers are able to avoid the dreaded middle seat on each and every flight.

Also in May, Southwest Airlines will launch new service between San Jose and Denver with three daily flights. Southwest joins United and Frontier with this new nonstop service that gives Mineta San Jose International Airport 80 weekly flights to Denver.

District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

**Join the District 10 Office on May 3rd at
The 3rd Annual [Pat's Run](#),
benefiting the Pat Tillman Foundation**



This is a truly inspiring event that unites all ages in a 4.2 mile Run / Walk and free 0.42 mile Kids' Run to honor the man who has motivated so many to engage in active leadership, community service and personal goal attainment. The 4.2 mile course honors the number 42 jersey that Tillman wore for the Leland Chargers and ASU Sun Devils. In addition to the run, enjoy the expo area, entertainment and refreshments.

Pat's Run gives us the opportunity to celebrate the life of one of our own. Pat grew up in New Almaden, where this past September a monument for him was unveiled. After graduating from Leland in 1994, Pat played football for Arizona State University.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 3.84 GPA in Marketing, Pat was soon



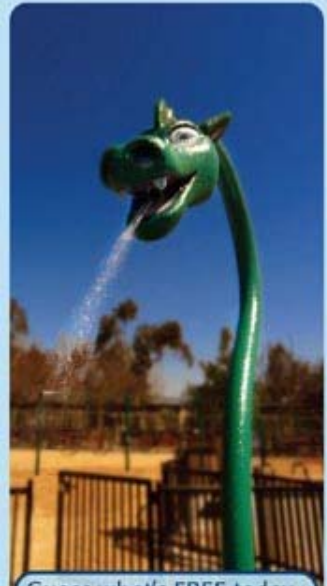
Hat's Off for the month of May

Congrats to the SJPD Sergeant Dave Moody!


On March 17, Sergeant Dave Moody received the "Outstanding Retail Partnership Award" from The American Society for Industrial Security. Sergeant Moody was nominated for the award for successfully investigating numerous retail-theft organizations responsible for millions of dollars of losses. He was selected from a group of 107 nominees from both federal and state jurisdictions by demonstrating

drafted by the Arizona Cardinals. Following September 11th, Pat walked away from the NFL, enlisting in the US Army with his brother, Kevin. On April 22, 2004 Pat died in Afghanistan. Pat's Run is an opportunity for our community to celebrate Pat's life.

To learn more, register to run or walk, or register to volunteer, please go to <http://www.patsrun.com/sanjose.php>.




Guess what's FREE today...
Free kayak and paddle boat rental
Free parking during the event
Free arts and craft activities



Almaden Lake Park
Phase II Opening
May 17, 2008
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Interested in taking a short Walking Tour of Almaden Lake Park's Bond Improvements? Meet Councilmember Pyle near the Bocce Courts at 10:00 a.m. The 20 minute walk will end at the new playground.



In partnership with Councilmember Nancy Pyle, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services.

Those interested in taking part in the short Walking Tour, please use Almaden Lake Park's West Entrance off of Winfield Road. All others are encouraged to use the park's Main Entrance, off of Almaden Expressway.

To request an accommodation for City-sponsored events or an alternative format for printed materials, please call Brian Clompitt at 408-793-4188 or 408-294-9337 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the event.



Do you have time to spare?

Come strike up some fun at the San Jose Police Foundation's first annual **Bowling for Badges** fundraiser at the ooh so cool 300 San Jose.

All funds raised will help provide safety and technology equipment for our police and beloved canine unit.

bowlingforbadges.org



Bowling for Badges

Thursday, May 8, 2008
5:30pm - 9:00pm

300 San Jose
5420 Thornwood Drive
San Jose, CA 95123

Registration
(includes: ball, shoes, 1 hour warm-up, 2 tournament games, and an allnight gourmet buffet)
Individual Player: \$50
Five Person Team: \$250
Non-Bowler (dinner only): \$25

Sponsorships
Team Sponsorship: \$250
Lane Sponsorship: \$250

To register, please visit bowlingforbadges.org or call 408.828.1983



outstanding partnership and service in combating crime against retailers. The American Society for Industrial Security is an organization made up of public law enforcement and private loss prevention officers.

Congratulations to Los Alamitos Elementary School and Jan Whitlach!

"Jan's Cans ... many helping hands" is an annual Los Alamitos Elementary school event that began 11 years ago. When additional funding was necessary to support a literacy lab, Jane Whitlach came to the rescue through an annual recycling drive that has raised an incredible amount of funding for the program. Last year alone brought in \$5,000 dollars for Los Alamitos elementary school. Jan, who retired from teaching four years ago and now volunteers her time and energy, wanted to teach children about the importance of taking care of the earth and it's resources. Highlighting the lifeskill of Resourcefulness and the virtue of giving something back to one's community. The students are asked to save aluminum cans and plastic bottles for a period of time before bringing them all in to school during the one day event. The students are incredibly enthusiastic and even wrote a spirited recycling song which is sung at the school's daily outdoor flag ceremony!

Kudos to Leland High School's Speech & Debate

The Leland Speech & Debate Team has won the 1st place team award at every major speech and debate invitational held in Northern California this year. Team members competed with students from throughout the U.S. at the prestigious tournaments held at Santa Clara University, James Logan High School, Stanford University and UC Berkeley. Recently the team also won the Coast Forensic League Championships for the tenth year in a row. The Coast Forensic League is ranked second in the U.S. in league strength by the National Forensic League.

City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Animal Care	578-7297

In partnership with San José Unified School District Superintendent Don Iglesias and District 5 Trustee Leslie Reynolds, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Service and Councilmember Nancy Pyle.

LELAND

SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX

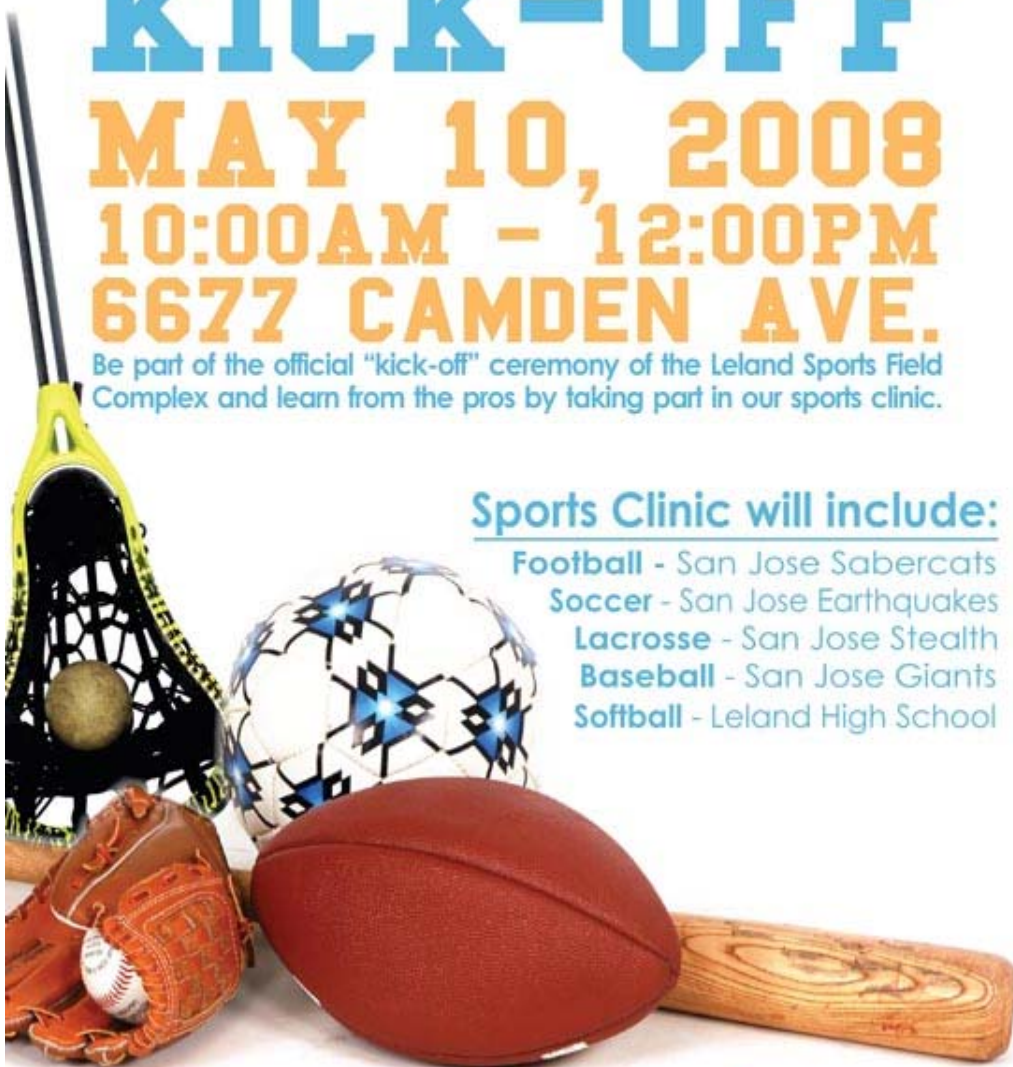
KICK-OFF

MAY 10, 2008
10:00AM - 12:00PM
6677 CAMDEN AVE.

Be part of the official "kick-off" ceremony of the Leland Sports Field Complex and learn from the pros by taking part in our sports clinic.

Sports Clinic will include:

Football - San Jose Sabercats
 Soccer - San Jose Earthquakes
 Lacrosse - San Jose Stealth
 Baseball - San Jose Giants
 Softball - Leland High School



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Neighborhood Center

Earth Day 2008 - A Tremendous Success!

In recognition of Earth Day 2008, Councilmember Pyle presented commendations to **Holy Spirit Parish** and **the Friends of the Los Alamitos Watershed** respectively for their unique and dedicated efforts in serving as

City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208

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environmental stewards for future generations of San Jose residents.

Holy Spirit Parish, led by Father Brendan McGuire, is a Catholic Christian Community located in the Almaden Valley since 1963. Holy Spirit Parish began their Blue Bag Project in Lent of 2006 as an outward sign of the parish's commitment to practice and live out a theme of Catholic Social Teachings which is "Caring for God's Creation." The Blue Bags, which are provided at cost to the parish team, friends, and neighbors of Holy Spirit as an environmentally friendly alternative to plastic and paper bags, serve as a commitment to stewardship for the planet and a visible symbol for change. Over the course of two years, Holy Spirit Parish has sold over 4,000 blue bags and has inspired local grocery stores to offer similar, environmentally friendly re-useable bags, thereby carrying on the message of saving our environment through simple, everyday changes. **For more information on Holy Spirit's Blue Bag program, please contact Penny Warne by e-mail at pwarne@holyspiritchurch.org.**

For 15 years the Friends of the Los Alamitos Watershed (FOLAW) have mobilized dozens of volunteers to participate in creek cleanups and community-wide environmental education campaigns that preserve the Los Alamitos Watershed as a resource and source of pride in Almaden Valley. Through their organized and informal cleanup efforts, FOLAW has removed thousands of pounds of debris, litter and hazardous materials from the creek. FOLAW will be hosting their next creek cleanup on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Residents from all over San Jose are welcome to come out and be part of the solution to creek pollution, as May 17th is **National River Cleanup Day**. Volunteers will be meeting at the Almaden Quicksilver Park, Hacienda entrance. To sign up or for more information, please email mikeboulland@yahoo.com.



Councilmember Pyle and Mayor Reed present a commendation to the dedicated Friends of the Los Alamitos Watershed.

***LearningExpress* Library Launched**

The *LearningExpress Library* is a new electronic service now offered to San Jose library card holders. ***LearningExpress Library* provides free online access to interactive skill-building courses and a range of practice tests based on official exams such as the SAT, OED, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, EMT Basic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology,**

[Eric T. Crane](#)

Communications Director

[Stephanie Holm](#)

Community Relations/Policy Aide

[Kathy Sutherland](#)

Economic Development Advisor

World Calendar May 2008

This month the Large Hadron Collider (located at CERN, near Geneva, Switzerland) is scheduled to begin operation, it will become the world's largest particle physics laboratory when it begins operation; during the month of May Indiana, North Carolina, Nebraska, West Virginia, Kentucky, Oregon and Idaho will hold primaries in the U.S. presidential election; and the 92nd edition of the Indianapolis 500 will be run at Indianapolis Motor Speedway as the main race of the IndyCar series.

Saturday, May 3rd

8:00 am

Pat's Run

Leland High School; 6677 Camden Ave.

www.patstrun.com

Saturday, May 3rd

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Vineland Library Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Vineland Branch Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Rd.

Saturday May 3rd

7 a.m.

VEP Community-Wide Garage Sale in the VEP area, roughly bounded by Highway 87, Capitol Expressway, Snell

Real Estate Agent & Broker Exams. All practice tests include instant score reports that help users target those skill areas that need the most attention. *LearningExpress Library* can be accessed at any time from any computer with internet access. To access the service, visit www.sjlibrary.org and follow these links:

1. Click on Articles & Databases
2. Click on Education & Library Science
3. Scroll down to and click on *LearningExpress Library*
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to sign in

For additional information, contact the King Library Reference Desk at 808-2100.

Wildfire Awareness Week 2008

Why 100 feet? ... "Because Defensible Space is YOUR responsibility" Santa Clara County FireSafe Council works to protect residents

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and CAL FIRE have declared May 4-10 as Wildfire Awareness Week this year. Fire departments and FireSafe councils throughout the state of California will be educating the public about the need to create Defensible Space around homes and communities and to practice fire safety in our parks and wildland areas. Locally, the Santa Clara County



FireSafe Council (SCFSC), a non-profit organization dedicated to wildfire prevention, is working with fire agencies and other partners to reach out to residents with our Defensible Space Chipping Programs and Community Outreach and Education Programs. These programs, which reduce hazardous fuels in selected areas of the county, are funded by federal grants from the USDI Bureau of Land Management as well as matching funds from local fire agencies, companies, organizations and individuals.

In 2007, the SCFSC's Chipping Programs helped protect more than 1,400 homes, over 4,000 people and in excess of \$1,400 million in property

values. SCFSC will be joined by local fire agencies and other partners to participate in several events throughout the County to remind residents living in the Wildland Urban Interface areas of Public Resources Code 4291 – a state law which went into effect in January 2005 – extended the Defensible Space clearance around homes and structures from 30 feet to 100 feet or the property line. Proper clearance to 100 feet dramatically increases the chance of your house surviving a wildfire. This Defensible Space also provides for firefighter safety when protecting homes during a wildland fire. With summer – and Wildfire Season – around the corner, residents should begin planning how to incorporate these regulations into their landscaping plan.

Ave. and Chynoweth Ave. Come one, come all!

Saturday May 3rd
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

VEP/Gunderson High School E-Waste Collection Event

Safely get rid of old electronic equipment and benefit Gunderson High School. Drop off at Gunderson High School, 622 Gaundabert Lane. Sponsored by Earthcare Recycling.

Wednesday, May 7th
9:45 am – 11:00 am

[Almaden Senior Association](#)

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

Wednesday, May 7th
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

3rd Annual District 10 Budget & Neighborhood Forum

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

Thursday, May 8th
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

[Free Home and Family Disaster Preparedness Training](#)

Almaden Library; 6445 Camden Ave.

Saturday, May 10th
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leland Sports Field Kick Off

Leland High School, 6677 Camden Ave.

Sunday, May 11th - Mother's Day

Monday, April 12th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Almaden Valley Community Association ([AVCA](#)) meeting

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

Saturday, May 17th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Almaden Lake Phase II Grand Opening

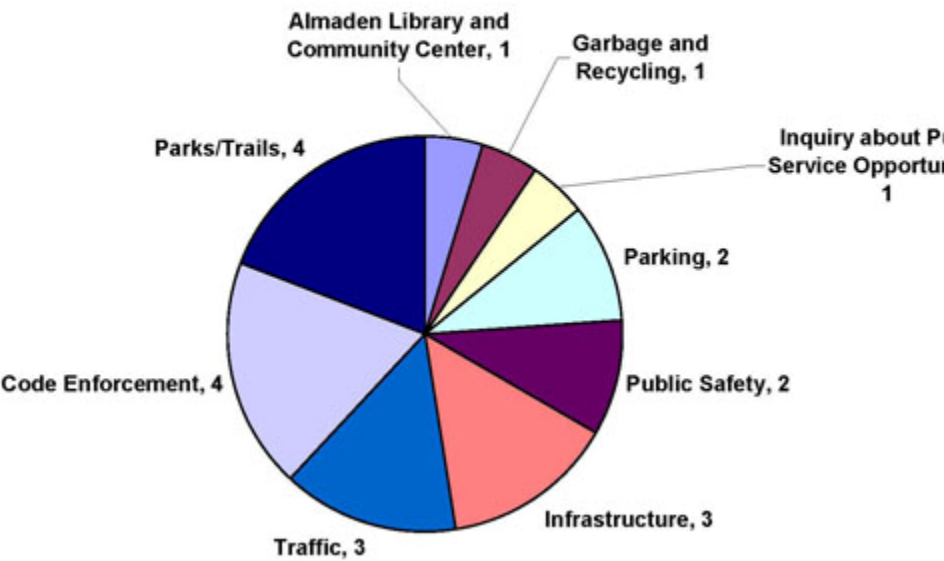
Wildfire Awareness Week is sponsored annually by the California Fire Safe Council, CAL FIRE and, locally, by the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and fire protection agencies in Santa Clara County. If you live in the hillside (or Wildland Urban Interface) areas around Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council has resources available to assist you to keep YOUR home Fire Safe. A recently revised 20-page, step-by-step guide for homeowners and residents is available on-line or by calling (408) 975-9591. The guide, Living With Fire in Santa Clara County, is available at www.sccfiresafe.org/FireSafe/LivingWithFire.htm and includes recently updated information on creating Defensible Space, fire resistant plants and roofing materials.

The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council meets at 2:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Homeowners, residents and representatives of all interested organizations are welcome! For more information visit our Web site at www.SCCFireSafe.org or E-mail info@SCCFireSafe.org.

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

Ongoing Constituent Concerns, Comments, and Requests by Topic



Please note that these statistics only include e-mails and phone calls from District 10 residents, Councilwide e-mails are not included.

Almaden Lake Park; Almaden Expressway & Coleman Ave.

Wednesday, May 21st
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
[Hoffman Via Monte](#)
Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

Monday, May 26th: Memorial Day

Saturday, April 19th
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friends of Almaden Library Spring Book Sale
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

Tuesday, April 22nd
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Free Home and Family Disaster Preparedness Training
Almaden Library; 6445 Camden Ave.

Monday, May 19th
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Colonial Manor Mobile Home Community Meeting
Colonial Manner Clubhouse; 3300 Narvaez Avenue

Tuesday, May 27th
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
[V.E.P.](#) **Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting**
Vista Park Community Room; Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive

Thursday, May 29th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Southside Community Center (or TBD)

"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great



Councilmember Pyle and Councilmember Williams stand with members of Relay for Life as the City of San Jose proclaims May 1st "Paint Our Town Purple Day" to raise awareness regarding Cancer and the search for a cure. For more information, visit <http://www.acsrelay.org/main.php>.

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- Trivia Answer -
A: True. Virtually all of China is on Beijing time.

~ Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)
British Statesman



"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

~ George Washington

May Trivia

Q: In preparation for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, True or False: When Crossing the border of China to Afghanistan you must set your watch back 3 1/2 hours.



Jingjing is one of the 5 official mascots for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics